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The indication that claims 2-10 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. Changes have been made in the specification and claims in a sincere attempt to place the case in immediate condition for allowance.

The disclosure had been objected to for containing the phrase "with a direction of bill thickness" at page 11, line 20. The Examiner stated he was uncertain what was intended thereby. The specification at that paragraph has been changed to have the phrase properly read "in a direction of bill thickness." (A similar change has been made in claim 11.) The clarifying change should overcome the objection.

Claims 1 and 11 were rejected under the second paragraph of 35 USC 112 as indefinite. The Examiner's comment regarding claim 11 has been discussed above. Claim 1 has been revised to recite "for said pathways to form blocking between the plurality of pathway selectors in every pathway selection." The Examiner will note reference to "blocking gates" throughout the specification and claims. See, for example, page 4, line 26; page 5, lines 4, 5, 8, 14 and 15; page 6, lines 2, 5, 9 and 17; page 9, lines 4, 5, 16, 23 and 26; page 10, lines 6 to 8, 19 and 22; page 11, lines 1, 21 and 23; and claims 2 to 5. If the Examiner believes other language is more appropriate, he is asked to contact the undersigned.

The Examiner is thanked for acknowledging receipt of the certified copy of the priority document and for listing references submitted with Information Disclosure Statements.
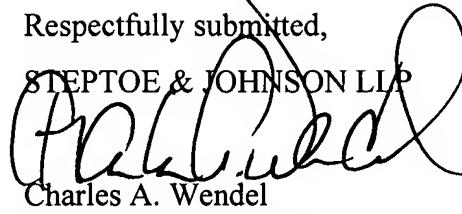
In view of the foregoing revisions and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in immediate condition for allowance and a USPTO paper to those ends is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned if additional changes are required in the case prior to allowance.

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